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HOUSE PASSES BISCHOFF'S BILL ON PURPLE HEART LICENSE PLATES

INDIANAPOLIS – The full House passed a bill authored by State Rep. Bob Bischoff (D-Lawrenceburg) that would allow spouses of Purple Heart veterans to qualify for a specialized license plate that recognizes people who get the award.

"It has been brought to my attention by my constituents that the spouses of Purple Heart veterans do not qualify to receive the Purple Heart license plate," said Bischoff. "Purple Heart veterans and their spouses should both be eligible to display something that tells the world of the sacrifices they or their husband or wife made to protect our country."

The Purple Heart was established by General George Washington at Newburgh, New York, on August 7, 1782 during the Revolutionary War. It is awarded to any member of the Armed Forces who has been wounded or killed.

Bischoff's legislation, House Bill 1105, would not expand the current license plates available to Hoosiers. Instead, it would allow more citizens to be eligible to purchase the Purple Heart license plate.

The bill was passed on a 94-0 vote and will now be passed to the Senate, where it will be further debated.

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